

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 10 has been cancelled. Claims 8, 9, 13 and 15 have been amended and new claims 16 and 17 have been added. Claims 8, 9 and 11-17 are pending and under consideration.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that dependent claims 10-14 contain allowable subject matter. The limitations of dependent claim 10 have been incorporated into independent claims 8-9 and 15. Dependent claim 10 has been cancelled. New independent claim 16 has been added. This claim contains the limitations of independent claim 8 and allowable dependent claim 11. New independent claim 17 has also been added. This claim contains the limitations of independent claim 8 and allowable dependent claim 12.

At least in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, it is submitted that all independent claims are in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

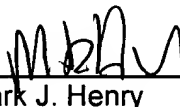
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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